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SYNOPSIS

Requires DCA to collect information about State residents seeking affordable housing in the State and provide that information to COAH.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT requiring DCA to collect and share certain affordable
2 housing information and supplementing P.L.1985,
3 c.222 (C.52:27D-301 et al.).
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. a. The Department of Community Affairs shall establish a
9 program for the collection of information about residents of the
10 State seeking affordable housing in the State.

11 b. (1) The department shall post information about the program
12 and solicit the submission of forms from State residents on the
13 Internet website of the department.

14 (2) The department shall prescribe the forms to be used by State
15 residents for the purposes of the program, which forms shall, at a
16 minimum, require residents to provide the following information:

17 (a) the current municipality of residence;

18 (b) the current municipality of employment, if any; and

19 (c) the municipality in which affordable housing is desired.

20 (3) The department shall make the forms available on the
21 Internet website of the department and shall furnish copies of the
22 form upon request.

23 c. The department shall retrieve the information as provided in
24 paragraph (2) of subsection b. of this section, to the fullest extent
25 possible based upon availability, from State and local government
26 agencies, including municipalities and housing authorities, that
27 receive applications for affordable housing.

28 d. The commissioner shall, by January 31 of each year, prepare
29 a report compiling all the information collected in the prior year
30 under the program, categorized by municipality for which
31 affordable housing is desired, and shall provide a copy of the report
32 to the Council on Affordable Housing, or its successor, to help the
33 council ascertain the demand for affordable housing that currently
34 exists in each municipality in the State.
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36 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
37 next following the date of enactment.
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40 STATEMENT
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42 This bill would require the Department of Community Affairs
43 (DCA) to collect information about State residents seeking
44 affordable housing in the State and provide that information to the
45 Council on Affordable Housing (COAH). The bill requires DCA to
46 establish a program to collect information about where these State
47 residents currently live and work, and where they would want to
48 live if provided an affordable housing option. On an annual basis,

1 DCA would prepare a report compiling all the information collected
2 under this program from the prior year and would provide a copy of
3 the report to COAH or its successor. This would help the agency in
4 charge of assigning affordable housing obligations across the State
5 ensure that affordable housing is developed in locations where there
6 is a demand for it, and in sufficient amounts, based on actual
7 expressed interest from those in need of affordable housing.